

**Professional Development Committee
Marriott West – Richmond, Virginia
October 10, 2007
10:30 a.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Randy Abernathy-Chair Dave Cullen Holly Frost Billy Altman Kathy Eubank Jeffrey Reynolds	Donna Helmick-Excused Nick Kleminko	Amanda Davis Michael Berg Warren Short Tom Nevetral Greg Neiman Chad Blosser David Edwards	Shaun E. Carpenter-CSEMS Lisa Atkins-New Kent Fire & EMS Heidi Hooker-ODEMSA Linda Johnson-TJEMS/Charlottesville Fire Deborah T. Akers-WVEMS Marcia Pescitani-NOVA Mary Peyton Miller-Hanover Fire & EMS

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I. Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 10:50 am without a quorum.	
II. Introductions	Members of the Committee and guests introduced themselves	
V. Reports of Committee Members	A. Officer Reports-Randy Abernathy has spoken with Dr. Dudley to get up to speed	
	B. Reports of Committee Members 1. Holly Frost- Scope of Practice. 2. Dave Cullen-Regional Councils Town Hall Forum in Staunton at the Stonewall Inn. 3. Dave Edwards-EMSC-Now Officially with the OEMS, embracing the principals of National EMSC. Recent Survey regarding Mandatory Reporting and Child/Adult Abuse. 5. Billy Altman-None. a. Randy-VAGEMSA – Recruitment and Retention Program working with the Office to Co-sponsor a day-long program. Placement of the Office in State Government, forum at Convention. 6. Jeffrey Reynolds-None. 7. Kathy Eubank-VAVRS-None.	

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	Kathy Eubank and Jeffrey Reynolds entered. A quorum was declared and the committee returned to the top of the agenda.	
III. Approval of Agenda	The Meeting Agenda was reviewed. (ATTACHMENT A)	Motion By: Dave Cullen To approve the agenda as presented Second By: Billy Altman Vote: Unanimously Approved
IV. Approval of Minutes	The minutes of the July 11, 2007 PDC Meeting were reviewed. (ATTACHMENT B)	Motion By: Kathy To approve the minutes as amended. Second By: Dave Cullen Vote: Unanimously Approved
V. Reports of Committee Members (con't)	C. Office of EMS 1. DED-Warren a. DED Receptionist Position still open. b. NEMSES Draft 2 now posted to the web. i. Comments are being solicited. ii. Final Draft will go to NHTSA September 2008. iii. National Registry has proposed stopping testing current EMT-B standards by August 2009. iv. How do we incorporate this into the current EMT-Instructors? a. Depending on what the new Standards contain, current Instructors that are EMT-B certified may not be qualified to teach the new standards. v. Kathy Eubank expressed concern at the implication that all classes should be done in the college environment. vi. Atlantic EMS Council-Warren is hoping to have them create a Regional Curriculum amongst member states to standardize the training at the BLS level. c. Symposium i. 1700 Attendees ii. 290+ Classes iii. Some classes were canceled based on enrollment numbers a. Transition Classes-Contact Tom Nevetral iv. Virginia's Symposium ranks high in quality of offerings compared to	

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	<p>others around the country.</p> <p>d. HJR 743</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Incentives for recruitment/retention of volunteer Fire & EMS areas of interest include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. VOLSAP b. Tuition funding ii. Anything with money-stream must have financing tied to it iii. Office is looking to add outcome measures on the funding <p>2. ALS Training Specialist-Tom Nevetral</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. NREMT- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Process in place for VA EMT interested in obtaining NREMT-B Certification. ii. Complete form posted on our website and submit with copy of current CPR card. iii. Holly Frost-Detailed results on failures are now available on the web for the coordinators. b. NREMT Computer Based Testing/Computer Adaptive Testing- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. We are seeing results posted in 4-8 hours. ii. New Pearson Vue Test Centers have been added. iii. If you or your students are having poor service from Pearson Vue, notify Heidi Erb at the National Registry. c. National Scope of Practice Impact Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Ad-hoc committee of Medical Direction Committee. ii. Survey out to a small sampling to determine if it meets the needs and once tweaked will be sent out to 14,000+ providers via e-mail. iii. Currently appears that the physicians are split on implementation of Scope. iv. We are planning a discussion of the Scope of Practice at ALS Coordinators meeting at Symposium. 	
<p>Break for Lunch 12:13pm Reconvene at 12:45pm</p>		
	<p>3. BLS Training Specialist-Greg Neiman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Instructor Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. BREMS-July iii. LFEMSC-August iv. REMS-September v. VAVRS-September vi. NOVA-October 20th vii. Symposium viii. 2008 Schedule out. After 2 years of traveling to every council at least 	

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	<p>once (some twice) we will only have 5 Instructor Updates next year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ODEMSA-March 8th 6pm-10pm – TBD. b. WVEMS-June 14th 9am-1pm – Virginia Tech. c. VAVRS-September 27th 9am-1pm – VA Beach. d. NOVA-October 11th 9am-1pm – Fairfax Co. e. Symposium-November 15th 8:30am-12pm – Norfolk. <p>ix. To offset the reduced dates DED is planning to put the Update on the Web, probably through TrainVA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Instructor Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Next date October 13-17th in the Winchester Area. ii. Next Instructor Practical Exam is December 1, 2007 iii. Next Institute-end of January, 2008 c. Survey of Providers-(ATTACHMENT C) <p>4. Funding and Accreditation – Chad Blosser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ALSTF (ATTACHMENT D) b. Accreditation (ATTACHMENT E) c. Sim-baby Update – almost all Sim-babies have been distributed. This year the Office purchased computerized IV Trainers for all accredited programs and distribution is ongoing. d. TrainVirginia (ATTACHMENT F) <p>5. Regulations – Michael Berg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Financial Assistance and EMS Council Designation Regulations are still in the Governor’s Office. b. Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) signed by Governor’s Office on Regulation Changes. c. New Training Regulations have been reviewed and returned by AG’s Office, will be working with DED on the recommended revisions. d. Plan to hold five (5) Public Hearings to solicit comments on the new regulations around the Commonwealth. e. Board of Health meeting on October 19th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Update of State EMS Plan every 3 years ii. NOIRA on DDNR to clean up language f. Oversight of Consolidated Testing is moving from Regulation & Compliance to Training once the position can be hired. <p>6. Regional Council Study-Greg Neiman</p> <p>7. Grants/Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF)-Amanda Davis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Homeland Security Grant was approved for 1.39 Million Dollars for a web-based PPCR project. b. Pursuing a 4.5 Million PSAR Grant 	

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	c. 2007 Fall RSAF-Online submission i. \$8.2 million was requested but only have \$4.5 million to distribute. ii. Salaries are not prohibited in the new regulations so Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC) is considering requests. a. Should there be certain criteria imposed on salary requests? d. Next FARC meeting on Thursday, November 8 th at Symposium.	
VI. Reports of Pilot Programs	A. Competency Based EMT-(ATTACHMENT G) 1. PWC 2. Roanoke Valley Regional Fire Training Center 3. JSRCC-Hanover County 4. Tidewater Community College-No Report B. Rural Competency Based EMT-B Pilot 1. Connie Purvis: Class has begun 15 students enrolled 2. Gary Dalton: No class offered to date. 3. Steve Puckett – Only 1 class done back in spring 4. Delbert Garrett-No class offered to date 5. Monique Dixon-No class offered to date	
VII. Ad-hoc Committees	A. Intermediate Curriculum Review-No report B. BLS Curriculum Update Committee (ATTACHMENT H) C. BLS Certification Evaluator Committee-No report, waiting on Test Committee, planning a future joint committee meeting. D. EMS Instructor Credentialing Committee-No Report E. BLS Certification Test Committee – Attached is the working list of proposed practical stations. It is not final and is not being brought forward as a formal proposal at this time. For Information Purposes ONLY Not a final Document – Do not Cite or Quote (ATTACHMENT I)	Motion by: Committee To accept these updates to the EMT-Basic curriculum to be presented to MDC Vote: Unanimous
VIII. Previous Business	None	
IX. New Business	A. Medical Directions Committee (MDC) request regarding Enhanced Curriculum Change-Tom Nevetral	Motion by: Kathy Eubank To table making a recommendation back to MDC until we receive from the Office of EMS the estimated time frames required to teach these changes. Second by: Billy Altman Vote Unanimous
	B. Committee Membership-The Committee is required to have a licensed Physician as a member. The Office will approach the Medical Direction Committee and request a representative be appointed from	

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	their committee since we have had such a close working relationship in the past.	
	C. Other New Business-None	
X. Public Comment	None	
XI. Dates for 2007 Meetings	January 10, 2007 April 11, 2007 July 11, 2007 October 11, 2007	
XII. Set Dates for 2008 Meetings	January 9, 2008 April 9, 2008 July 9, 2008 October 8, 2008	
XIII. Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm	